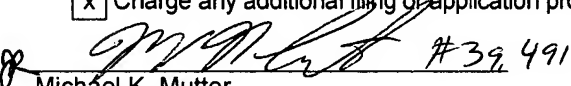




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
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**Amendments to the Claims** being on page 2 of this paper.

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